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2014 PEACH and APPLE PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – In 2014, total **peach production** was 5,360 tons (10.7 million pounds), down 340 tons (680,000 pounds) from 2013. Utilized production totaled 5,250 tons (10.5 million pounds), a decrease of 210 tons (420,000 pounds) from 2013. Value of utilized production totaled \$5.36 million, an increase of 9 percent from 2013. Bearing acres were estimated at 950, unchanged from 2013, with an average yield of 5.64 tons (11,280 pounds) per acre, down 0.36 tons (720 pounds) from 2013. The average price received per ton was estimated at \$1,020.00. This was an increase of \$120.00 per ton from 2013. Based on utilized production, West Virginia ranks 12th in the nation for peach production.

Total **apple production** for 2014 was estimated at 82.0 million pounds (1.95 million, 42 lb. bushels), down 14 percent, or 13 million pounds from 2013. Utilized production totaled 82.0 million pounds, down 13 million pounds from 2013. Apples for fresh market totaled 18.0 million pounds, down 2 million pounds from 2013. Apples for processing accounted for 64.0 million pounds of the 2014 crop, this is 11 million pounds less than the 2013 crop.

The average price received for 2014 apples was 15.2 cents per pound, up 1.5 cents from the 2013 price. Total value of utilized production was \$12.4 million for the crop, down \$560,000 from the 2013 value of \$13.0 million. Fresh market apples brought 33.6 cents per pound in 2014, up 6.0 cents from 2013. Processed apples sold for \$200.00 per ton, unchanged from 2013.

The number of bearing acres of apples totaled 4,100 acres in 2014, down 200 acres from 2013. The yield per acre was 20,000 pounds, 2,100 pounds less than in 2013. The yield was based on total production, which includes unharvested production and fruit harvested but not sold due to marketing conditions. Based on utilized production, West Virginia ranks 9th in the nation for apple production.

United States – The U.S. **peach production** in 2014 was estimated at 852,939 tons, down 6 percent from the 2013 estimate of 903,871 tons. Of this production, 838,027 tons were utilized, down 6 percent from 2013. Value of utilized production totaled \$629.1 million, up 15 percent from the 2013 total. The average price received for peaches was \$751.00 per ton, up \$134.00 per ton from the 2013 price.

Total **apple production** for 2014 totaled 11.4 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the 2013 total. Utilized apple production totaled 11.2 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 2013. Value of utilized production totaled \$2.86 billion, down 9 percent from the 2013 total. Price per pound averaged 25.5 cents, down 4.8 cents from the 2013 price of 30.3 cents. A total of 7.9 billion pounds were sold for fresh market, up 15 percent from the 2013 number. There were 3.24 billion pounds for processing, down 6 percent from the 2013 total.